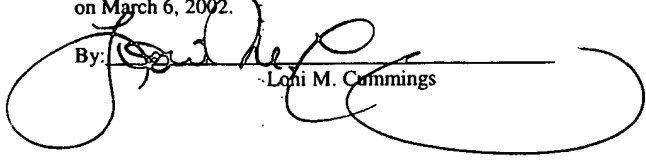


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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DR. JAMES L. COX, *et al.*)
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Application No.: 09/606,742)
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Filed: June 28, 2000)
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For: SURGICAL SYSTEM AND)
PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT)
OF MEDICALLY REFRACTORY)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 1-20 without prejudice and add the following new

claims:

21. A method of forming an elongate ablation to treat cardiac arrhythmia,

comprising the steps of:

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